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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF FRESNO COUNTY**

Welcome to our monthly eNewsletter! Thank you for staying connected to our Clubs.

Our Clubs are now safer than ever. Come see for yourself! We welcome pre-scheduled visits and Club tours. Contact **your local club** for more details. Looking for a membership application? Visit our website to join a Club for just \$5 a year!

It truly is a wonderful experience to make a difference in the lives of young people in Fresno County. Give today for your chance to be a part of the BGC Movement. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our mission, values, and programs. Or visit [BGCA](#) to see how we're making a difference nationally.



Panda Cares: Local Restaurant Supports BGC

The Panda Cares Grant has helped to make academic success a priority for both kids & teens in our Clubs by providing necessary program funds. This special grant provided by Panda Express and distributed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America allows Clubs to run programs like Power Hour, Project Learn, and DIY STEM. In 2022 the Zimmerman, Clovis, West Fresno, and East Fresno Clubs have benefitted from Panda Cares. They have truly made the most of not only the funds awarded but also the local restaurants willingness to support our members.

At the West Fresno Club, a Panda Express employee volunteered to help members with homework. She brought them fortune cookies and assisted in the BGC Store—a room where members can purchase items with Club Bucks that they earn from finishing their homework and getting good grades. “Seeing others in the Club being hands on with the learning process means so much to us,” said Juaniace Wilson, West Fresno Unit Director.

In Clovis, members took a field trip to the Panda Express Restaurant on Cedar and Dakota for lunch. It was a memorable trip because some members ordered their own food for the first time and made friends with the Panda Express employees.

“One of the employee’s talked to a teen member about getting a job at the restaurant when he got old enough. She explained the hiring process to him and I know that helped. Sometimes they just need someone to believe in them,” said Kim Carter, Clovis Unit Director.

See the full gallery [here](#).



Because of **YOU**, we raised over **\$89,000**
for the Orange Cove & Reedley Club at our
9th Annual
Harvest Festival Gala
THANK YOU!



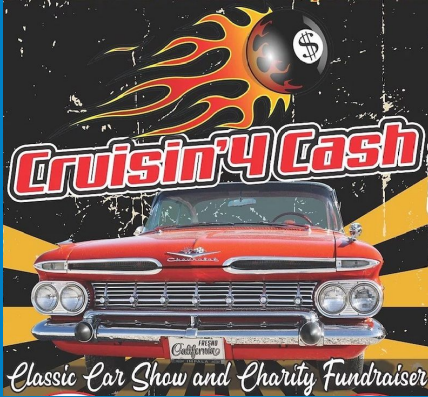
Missed the event but still want to make a difference?

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Collector's Club Hosts Car Show for Clubs

On October 1st, a vintage car show raised \$15,000 to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County. The group of vintage car enthusiasts responsible for this incredible fundraiser and generous gift was a collectors club called Crusin' 4 Cash.

“When community partners embrace the Boys & Girls



Clubs mission and remember us when they are planning fundraisers it's amazing! It makes my job easier and I have so much fun helping them in any way I can," said Sandra Dee Chaney, Director of Community Relations & Special Events.

[Read the full story here.](#)

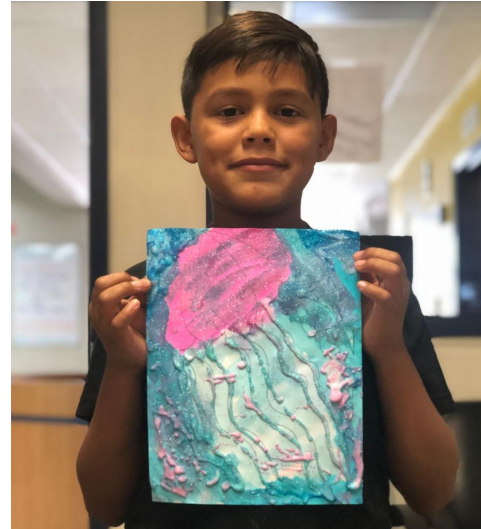


Alumni Gives Back!

Nevin Gomez is a Zimmerman Boys & Girls Club Alumnus who decided to give back to the Club that gave so much to him as a teenager. He decided to bring his hair cutting skills to the Club and offer haircuts to all the members.

"The Boys & Girls Club is a special place for me. It kept me out of trouble as a teenager and I wanted to give back," said Nevin, "I don't know what every kid is going through but I know their neighborhood. That's enough to make me want to serve."

Read the full story [here.](#)



Motorcycle Club Raised \$900 By Selling Kid Artwork

A local fundraiser hosted by the Bay Area Biker Association (BABA) raised \$900 during an auction of member's artwork, and Harley Davidson swag. BABA is from Oakland, CA but every year they take a trip south to celebrate the biker season—the time of year when the weather is nicest to ride motorcycles (March through October). During this annual trip, they selected us to be the beneficiary of their October fundraiser.

When hearing about the \$900, Club members were... [Read more.](#)

Facebook Post of the Month

Fresno Skateboard Salvage hosted an event at the Oakhurst Club where 50 boards & helmets were given away. What a fun way to stir up some passion for the sport!



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WE ARE HIRING!



Whether you have a passion for serving youth in our community or looking to develop your leadership skills, we have a place for you.

[SEE OPEN JOBS](#)

Full-time & Part-time positions available throughout Fresno County.
Must be 21 + to apply.



WE ARE OPEN!

Contact a Club to get involved, learn more, and become a member!
Visit our website at www.bgcfresno.org or visit your nearest Club!

ZIMMERMAN | EAST FRESNO | WEST FRESNO | CLOVIS | PINEDALE
JUVENILE JUSTICE CAMPUS | OAKHURST | SELMA | REEDLEY
SANGER | DEL REY | ORANGE COVE | MENDOTA | FIREBAUGH | HARRIS FARMS

CLUB SAFETY

Clubhouses are modified to support small group learning, temperature checks, parent registration, sanitary practices, and social distancing.

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